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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a fourth generation hop grower in the Yakima valley and want to go on record as supporting the proposed hop marketing order.

Our industry's free fall due to year after year of over production has jeopardized the continued ability of many hop growers to remain in business. Given this situation, it is important for the Department to let the process move forward as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Dale Gasseling